From the Principal’s Desk

Principal’s Conference
On Thursday and Friday of last week I had the pleasure of spending two days with Principals from across the region. To have two days to share what is happening in our schools and to do some dreaming and scheming about what can come next was a real luxury.

The focus of the conference was building the health and capability of our teaching staff so that they are able to connect with your child to deliver rich and comprehensive learning experiences throughout the learning day/week/year.

It was great! There was a real energy and excitement generated in the room. We celebrated the ongoing trajectory of improvement of Queensland State Schools – we are leading the country in our ability to make gains in student performance. Whilst not yet achieving the top results in the country, Queensland is the fastest improver and will definitely be top of the charts soon. Yes – even we Principals have our own form of ‘State of Origin’.

The Conference provided a lovely opportunity to connect with Carol Butler-Mader. Our photo made the feature article in the Gladstone Observer! Carol was excited to be able to catch up on news of Farnborough and sends her regards to all. Her work coaching Principals of small schools is proving very rewarding and I could see the great work she was doing in supporting Principals in many of the far reaches of the region.

Athletics Carnival
Carnival time is here! The house colours are splashed everywhere and the team fervour is high. I’ll be working the long jump pit today and am looking forward to spending time enjoying our children out in the glorious sunshine. The weather is looking promising – the wind even appears to have dropped out. See you on the oval! A big thankyou to Margie Grant for organising the event.

P&C Meeting
It’s that time again! Library 5:30pm next Tuesday. I look forward to seeing you there to share good company, get the work done and enjoy the refreshments.

Prep 2017
As you read this we have 42 children enrolled for Prep 2017! Our target is 44… Please make sure we know about your child. Enrolment packs are available online or from Administration. Enrolments from out of catchment go on a waiting list. At present we are able to cater for everyone on the list however if a large number of children enrol from our local area that may change.
Student of the Week Awards

Prep P
Caleb L for excellent work with class health discussions
Kobe M for a fantastic effort with relays and sprints

Prep Y
Nataya C for always trying hard in class
Bella H for trying hard to sound out words

Year 1 Purple
Zac B for working hard in his spelling lessons
Gracie W for confidently contributing to classroom discussions

Year 1 Yellow
Marina L for fabulous writing about Weevil Hunting Wasps. You are writing so very well, great effort!
Zaya H for consistently completing homework to a high standard every single week.

Year 2 Purple & Yellow
Ishah S for hard work when writing a procedure
Cody T for improvement in his training for athletics
Chloe G for her efforts in “Words Their Way”. sounding and stretching words out and identifying their spelling feature.

Year 3 Purple
Chelsea H for completing your reading challenge
Elvie K for your amazing scarecrow

Year 3 Yellow
Neve G for always trying her hardest in everything she attempts
Taila M for helping a child in need

Year 4
Lead R for a great review of the Rainbow Serpent
Charlie K for an accurate interpretation of “Sam’s Bush Journey”.

Year 4/5
Casey S for fantastic improvement in reading
Sam M for great work on your oral presentation

Year 5
Dylan B for always completing tasks with enthusiasm
Alyssa McC for always putting 100% effort to all activities in the classroom

Year 6
Ainsley M for being a cooperative student who works well in all situations
Mackenzie M for a great effort in her narrative writing

Junior Maths Problem
Justin, Betsy, Frank and Hilga are best friends, but who is the youngest?

Clues:-
• Justin is younger than Hilga.
• Frank is younger than Justin.
• Frank is older than Betsy.
Last week we went to Yeppoon Primary School for a Land Care discovery day and we learnt about frogs. We learned that there are 250 frogs in Central Queensland, that's a lot. We played frog bingo which was fun. Did you know?, if you see a green frog in your garden that means you have a healthy garden and when you want to hold a frog you have to wet your hands.

*By Maddie Rossiter*

Last week some of our class went to Yeppoon state School for an Environmental Expo. When we got there we met some amazing people such as: Alby Wooler, Holly from GRMPA, Rochelle from Bunnings and many more extraordinary people. There were all sorts of stalls, there were ten in total the one that interested me the most was the Parks and Wildlife stall, they had a real crocodile skull they also had an interesting fact about crocodiles and that was, a crocs body is 7 times the length of its head.

*By Romi Szekeres*
Cooking News

Year 6 & Year 4 Cooking classes continue this week, and ‘corn’ is on the menu! These classes would not be so well managed if it weren’t for the lovely parents who volunteer their time and come in to help Mrs Forrest and Mrs Goltz each week. Thank you to Margie and the Green Club team who help produce all the food that we prepare and eat each week.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Please take a few minutes to have a look at the Notice Board for upcoming events happening around the community.
- Beach Day Out
- Savvy Kids—Savvy Friends

SCHOOL HOLIDAY BOREDOM BUSTER!

The Mill Gallery in Yeppoon will be holding two children’s art workshops these school holidays. Fun Felted Faces with Anni Simmons or Painting Mandalas with Kim Warcon - all for kids aged 7-12 years. Visit www.themillgallery.com.au/workshops for details and to enrol online or email millgalleryworkshops@gmail.com for more information.

WANTED

We will be potting plants again for the Farnborough Fair in the next week or so. If you have any plastic pots lying around and not wanted, can you bring them in. Please leave them at the office or put the pots near the door of the garden shed near the kitchen. Thank you.
2016 FSS – INTERHOUSE TRACK EVENTS; BALLGAMES & RELAYS

Prep to Year 6
Wednesday June 15th

9.00am – Assemble in House Teams

9.10am – March Past out to school oval behind banners.

9.30am - 200m HEATS (where needed) & FINALS - 12yrs, 11yrs, 10yrs BOYS / GIRLS

9.50am - 11.00am – DISTANCE RUNS
♦ 400M - 9yrs, 8yrs, 7yrs, 6yrs, 5yrs (BORN 2007 through to 2011)
♦ 800M - 10yrs, 11yrs, 12 yrs (BORN 2006 through to 2004)
♦ 400M – Any 10-12 yrs who did not participate in the 800m run.

Students (10-12yrs) gain more points for their team if they participate and complete the 800m run. Only 5 points each for the 400m run even if they finish first.

11.00am - 11.45am approx. – Lunch Break.

12.00 - 12.45 approx – BALL GAMES - 6 PER TEAM CAN BE MIXED GENDER – done in YEAR LEVEL. (Students of lower year levels can “fill in” if that particular year/house level cannot field a team, otherwise we will do a combined MIXED Team.)

FIRST ROTATION
♦ Grid One (Northern End) – PREP & Yr 1 (Yr 6 to assist)
  TUNNEL BALL, OVERS BALL, 1. 2 BALL (Modified Corner Spry)
♦ Grid Two (Southern End) – Years 2 & 3
  TUNNEL BALL, OVERS/UNDERS BALL & MODIFIED CORNER SPRY.

SECOND ROTATION
♦ Grid One – Yr 5 & Yr 6
  TUNNEL BALL, LEADER BALL, CORNER SPRY
♦ Grid Two – Yr 4 (& if nec some Year 3’s to help some team numbers)
  TUNNEL BALL, LEADER BALL, CORNER SPRY

12.45-1.45-SPRINTS – HEATS & FINALS.
♦ 60m through to 80m - 5yrs through to 8 yrs -All Heats first.
♦ 100m - 9yrs through to 12 yrs –All Heats first.
♦ FINALS - 60m through to 100m – all ages.

1.45pm - 2.20- RELAYS -6 per Team across year levels
  60m – Prep & Yr 1  80m – Yr 2 & Yr 3  100m – Yr 4 & 100m- Yr 5 / Yr 6

2.20-2.35- FUN- PARENTS v YR 6 STUDENTS v PAST STUDENTS v STAFF – Ball Games AND/OR Relay (60m)

2.35- 2.55 – CLEAN UP of Tent Areas – Lost Property/Litter
  - Assemble in Hall for Presentations.
  - Pack Up of some Tents/gear – Parents/Some Staff to assist.
Tuckshop news: Amanda is still not well enough to stand up to the rigors of the tuckshop/cooking classes and so will not be back this week. The limited menu will continue this Friday. We are thinking of her in her recovery.

Thank you to those families who supported the State of Origin free-dress day. Just over $250 was raised which will go towards the purchase of new footy goal-post protectors.

Next Wednesday is FSS Sports Day. Students (and parents) can wear coloured shirts in their House colours. It is a great day and the P&C will be running a canteen. We are looking for volunteers to bake yummy treats (like cupcakes & muffins) and also parents to help cook & serve in the canteen. A flyer will go home this week for the special Sports Day menu: toasted sandwiches, home-baked treats, popper/water, pumpkin soup, icy cups etc. We would love for you to pre-order these by Tuesday morning so we’ve got an idea if we’re doing 20 toasted sandwiches or 200! Parents and siblings can order too.

Please contact me if you are able to help. We will need people starting from 8am and all assistance is greatly appreciated.

The next P&C meeting, Tuesday 14th June – 6:30pm in the Library. Children are welcome.
Kathy King (0400 681 442)

Talking Tuckshop
Many thanks to Brooke, Claire and Jodie for your help in the tuckshop last week. It was a lovely wet Friday. Also thank you for the super donations that have come in from families recently. All donations are gratefully received! Amanda isn’t back this week…so tuckshop will be the limited menu again this Friday – we did a record number of UFO’s last week. Isn’t Amanda so clever to have re-invented the meat pie! $3 each or 2 for $5.

Thanks, Stacey Maddy

FROM YOUR P & C ASSOCIATION

2016 Farnborough State School - Country Fair – Sunday 24th July

We are very excited to announce that our Fair prizes have started coming in. Many thanks: to Peter & Jill from Big 4 Cania Gorge Holiday Park for their donation of 2 nights for 2 adults in an ensuite cabin (the kids can sleep in a tent perhaps?); to Kerrie from Scoffins Jewellers for a funky child’s watch; and to Anthony from CQ Timber & Steel for a lovely solid timber picnic table.

Books – all donations of books & puzzles (no magazines please) to be left at the back of the hall

Garage Sale/White Elephant – Please see Rhonda in the office for a key to the hall shed and leave your donations neatly in this shed (no clothing or electrical)

All other donations – can be left in the office

Craft Stall – Michelle is chasing a few long cardboard tubes (from glad wrap/foil) and also larger sized matchboxes. Please leave in the office.

Thanks again,
Rachel Walls (0450 766 127)